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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

J. Skelton Williams has resigned the presidency of the S. A. L. and Vice President Barr is elected to succeed him. —— Several hundred people killed in a fire at the Iroquois theatre, Chicago, yesterday afternoon; the fire broke out on the stage during the second act of the play "Blue Beard, Jr.," and a frightful panic ensued; most of the dead were women and children. —— Gen. Woodruff, U. S. A., retired, has been ordered to report for duty with the organized militia of North Carolina. —— Jas. A. Henderson, tobacco dealer, Danville, failed with $104,000 liabilities. —— Several lives were lost by a fire at Troy, N. Y. —— The situation in the Far East gives great concern; Japan is making preparations for the worst. —— The striking liverymen in Chicago refused to help remove the wounded in the theatre fire. —— The architect who designed the Iroquois theatre said the building was not fire-proof, as wood was used. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call strong at 3@7 per cent; cotton quiet at 13.50c; flour was quiet but steady; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red nominal; corn—spot steady, No. 2 53c; oats—spot firm, No. 2 42½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 30.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 34 degrees; 8 P. M., 43 degrees: maximum, 50 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 2.35 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—For North Carolina: Fair Thursday and Friday, variable winds.

Port Almanac—December 31.

Sun Rises	7.11 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.55 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 44 M.
High Water at Southport.	5.00 A. M.
High Water Wilmington.	7.30 P. M.

To morrow is the birthday of the horse editor of THE MORNING STAR. He is still paying poll-tax.

"Cotton soars again" is a very common expression with the newspapers, which indicates that cotton is the only real flying machine we have.

Don't forget the warm prediction of Dr. Parkhurst that to-morrow, when New York passes under the control of Tammany, the lid of hell will be raised.

The young reporter who wrote a story of a Western tragedy and avoided designating the revolver used as a "smoking" revolver was promoted on the spot. He deserved it, too.

With three revolutions in full swing things must be gay down in San Domingo. Possibly Uncle Sam may administer a dose of pacification or assimilation when he gets through with Colombia.

The Baltimore *Sun* prints a picture of General Huertas, Commander in Chief of the Panama army. His medals and other decorations are "too numerous to mention." Wonder how in the world he got 'em?

That "trusted, confidential" Chicago clerk who got away with $200,000 of his employer's money was avaricious. He was already receiving the munificent salary of $9.00 per week. But some people are never satisfied.

Of course, there is no way of determining with accuracy the proportion of this year's cotton crop that is still in the hands of the producers. The impression, however, is almost universal that it is larger than usual; and this means prosperity to the South. When to "let go" is the problem that is worrying those who still have cotton on hand.

The people of Macon think that the newspapers are public benefactors and ought to be exempt from taxation. By a unanimous vote the city council of Macon decided that no special tax would be levied on daily and weekly newspapers next year.—*Savannah Press.* In Wilmington the newspapers are not only required to pay the iniquitous privilege tax, but also pay the highest *ad valorem* tax imposed by any town in the State.

Harper's Weekly, which favors Roosevelt, says the recent White House harmony conference between the President, Senator Platt and Gov. Odell was a failure, and that "already, nearly a year before election day, New York must be placed in the Democratic column." The *World* says this statement is "exaggerated and misleading," but that "the chances to-day undoubtedly favor a Democratic victory in New York next year." These two forecasts, one from a Republican and the other from an Independent newspaper, are interesting.

CHRISTMAS GERMANS.

L'Agile Cotillion Club Had a Lovely Dance Last Night — Holiday German of L'Arlose German Club To-night.

The first of the holiday germans of the season was danced last night at the Masonic Temple ball room by L'Agile Cotillon Club. The hall was beautifully decorated with festoons of wild smilax and on the walls were garlands of long leaf pine and smilax. On the southern wall was the word "L'Agile" in large letters of evergreens and cut flowers. The music was by the Hollowbush orchestra.

The dance was a lovely affair, and a brilliant party of about twenty couples participated in the numerous pretty figures. Mr. Strudwick Nash led the german in a most graceful and skillful manner, and the following couples participated:

Mr. Paul Cantwell, Miss Sarah Catlett; Mr. J. R. Clements, Miss Laura Clark; Mr. Platt W. Davis, Miss Anna Belle Latimer; Mr. A. D. Daniels, Miss Margaret Ashe; Mr. Alex Fulghum, Miss Symonds, of Boston; Mr. Norwood Giles, Miss Madaline DeRosset; Mr. C. D. Mafflit, Miss Earle, of Richmond; Mr. Thomas Moore, Miss Janie Williams; Mr. W. L. Moore, Miss Julia Parsley; Mr. Clarence Myers, Miss Annie Parsley; Mr. George D. Parsley, Miss Beaulah Armstrong. Mr. Willie Watters, Miss Bloomer, of Washington, D. C.,; Mr. Joseph Armstrong, Miss Bessie Gore; Mr. Preston Cumming, Miss Bettie Gordon, of Chapel Hill; Mr. Henry Short, Miss Louise Bellamy; Mr. H. M. Emerson, Jr., Miss Dabney, of Richmond; Mr. Sam Potts, Miss Mary Allan Short, of Lake Waccamaw; Mr. Strudwick Nash, Miss Bessie Burruss; Mr. Willie Gordon, Miss Mildred Davis; Mr. Willie Walker, Miss Tallulah DeRosset.

Stags—Messrs. Hayward R. Falson, Harry West and Eugene LeGrand.

The [illegible]es were Mrs. F. W. Dick, Mrs. R. N. Nash and Mrs. R. G. Rankin.

The holiday german of L'Arlose German Club will take place to-night at the Temple.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Sunday school of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church had a delightful Christmas entertainment on Tuesday night.

— The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting at the usual hour this afternoon at the lecture room of the First Baptist church.

— Messrs. Willard & Giles, insurance underwriters, have the STAR'S acknowledgments for a large and handsome calendar for 1904.

— Farewell, 1903! To-day is the last of the year. You have only a short time to decide on your resolutions for the New Year, which begins to-night 12 o'clock.

— The passenger train due here on the Atlantic Coast Line from the north yesterday morning was two hours late on account of a slight wreck near Goldsboro. The damage was only slight.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: "Wilmington has licensed fifty-seven saloons to continue after the first of January. On that date twenty-three saloons go out of business in Raleigh. We believe Raleigh is doing better than Wilmington."

— Constable W. B. Savage last night arrested Mary Belle Williams, colored, on the charge of stealing a dress from Mary Samuels, colored. She will have a hearing at 3 o'clock this afternoon before Justice G. W. Bornemann.

— The Sunday school of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd had a highly enjoyable Christmas tree entertainment last night at the Chapel. A nice programme was rendered and the children were made happy with a distribution of desirable presents.

— The Register of Deeds yesterday issued marriage licenses to Mr. Thomas A. Croom and Miss Ella May Register, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Register, and to Mr. Malcom M. Haney and Miss Ann Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David G. Benson.

Grand Opening Ball and Banquet.

The handsome new club building of the Howard Relief Company, at Front and Orange streets, will be opened to-morrow night with a grand ball and banquet. The occasion will be a splendid affair, and the members look forward to it with a great deal of pleasure.

The STAR is requested to state that tickets to this "house warming" entertainment will be on sale only for members of the company and their immediate families.

The Krug Turpentine Process.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte *Observer*, under date of December 29th, says:

Jno. W. Thompson, an official of the Standard Turpentine Company, left to-day for Waycross, Ga., where the plant established will begin business. The Krug process is used. It is said to be the largest turpentine plant in the world. Other plants will be established at Blakely, Ga., and Hattiesburg, Miss., and later there will be plants in North Carolina and South Carolina, for several places are making proposals or bids in order to be selected as a location.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Paris Millinery Emp'm—Cloaks.
Solomon's Shoe Store—Dry shod.
Academy of Music—The Girl From the West.

REPORTERS SLIP UP.

Miss Darby Returned Yesterday from Washington, Where She Went Sunday Night.

HAS VERY LITTLE TO SAY.

She, However, States that the Newspaper Stories that She Roasted Ex-Governor Russell Are Not True. She Refused to Say More.

Miss Mary C. Darby, postmaster at Wilmington, returned from Washington by the Seaboard Air Line yesterday afternoon at 12:45 o'clock. She left here last Sunday night.

When seen by a STAR representative yesterday Miss Darby said:

"I went to Washington to see if my application for the appointment as postmaster and the papers connected with it were properly on file. I did not remain in Washington two hours, and never mentioned Governor Russell's name while I was there. I have nothing more to say."

Miss Darby went from Washington to Forest Park, Maryland, to visit her sister, Mrs. Moran. This accounts for the fact that the Washington newspaper men could not find her anywhere in the city. Not being able to interview her, it is presumed the correspondents jumped at the conclusion that she had gone around Washington speaking her mind about ex-Governor D. L. Russell.

Here is what the Washington correspondent of the Charlotte *Observer* sent to that paper, under date of December 29th:

There are indications that many of the most prominent citizens of Wilmington do not take kindly to the compromise suggested by Republican State Chairman Rollins in a contest in progress over the postoffice of that city. To-day Senator Overman received a telegram from Mr. George Rountree, in which the good offices of the North Carolina Senator were sought in an effort to prevent the threatened displacement of Miss Darby. Mr. Rountree said his message was sent in behalf of the business men of Wilmington, who think Miss Darby should be retained as a matter of merit. The telegram contained the request that Senator Overman call the attention of the President to the wishes of the patrons of the Wilmington office, and this the North Carolina Senator did at once. While at the White House Senator Overman explained, however, that he, of course, had no desire to interfere in Federal patronage matters, and only called to leave Mr. Rountree's message, which, he felt sure, reflected the wishes of the people there.

WHERE IS MISS DARBY?

Personally Miss Darby does not appear to be seeking the aid of the North Carolina Senators, or anybody else. The most diligent search has failed to reveal her whereabouts, and it is presumed that she has gone to Baltimore to remain with relatives until General Payne returns to Washington. Numerous telegrams were sent to Wilmington yesterday to ascertain her address, and hotel registers without number were scanned in vain. Neither did she leave any forwarding address at either the telegraph offices or the postoffice. Newspaper men have resorted to every means known to the profession to locate Miss Darby, but have not been able to discover even a remote clue.

SHE BELABORS THE GOVERNOR.

However, something of Miss Darby's movements are known. She called at the Postoffice Department, and still being unable to see General Payne, who was not in his office, she explained the situation at Wilmington from her point of view. She insists that ex-Governor Russell's every move suggested his infidelity to her cause, after she had placed her interest in his keeping. Some people here have found it difficult to credit the report that Miss Darby defrayed ex-Governor Russell's expenses while here. When the report was first given publicity, it was understood that ex Governor Russell came here on the way to Baltimore, where he desired to consult a physician and that his inquiries into the Wilmington situation were merely incidental as he was passing through.

Chairman Rollins said to-day that he might, after all, dispose of the Federal appointments without any further delay. He expects some of the Republican leaders to arrive here early to-morrow morning, and unless something unforeseen transpires, will, he said to-night, call on the President some time during the day. The Chief Executive has let Mr. Rollins know that a conference with the North Carolina party leaders will be agreeable to him most any day this week.

Death of a Youth.

We are exceedingly sorry to chronicle the untimely death of John Eubardt Schulken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schulken, on Fourth and Nixon streets. He died of pneumonia yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock, aged only seventeen years. His death is a sad bereavement to the family and they have the sincere sympathy of their numerous friends in this hour of their sorrow.

The funeral will take place at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from the residence and the services will take place at 3 P. M. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church. The interment will be made at Oakdale cemetery.

Cantata Postponed.

The Sunday School of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church had a quiet Christmas tree entertainment last night, owing to the death of Johnny Schulken, a member of the school. There was the usual song service and short addresses were made by the Rev. C. W. Kegley and the Rev. Henry Hanson. The presents were then distributed to the children.

The cantata was also to have been given by the school last night as a feature of the entertainment, but it was postponed.

— The Sunday school at Delgado had a splendid Christmas tree entertainment on Tuesday night.

THE INCENDIARY CASE.

Justice Fowler Finished Investigation Yesterday and Reserved Decision Until 10 O'clock This Morning.

The preliminary hearing in the case of the State against George Judge, charged with setting fire to three residences last Saturday afternoon, was resumed at 10 o'clock yesterday morning before Justice J. J. Fowler.

Twelve witnesses were examined for the defence and the State. The defendant's witnesses testified in support of the alibi which the defendant aims to set up, the main testimony being that the witnesses saw Judge at Pace's pool room most of the afternoon on which the fires occurred.

The State recalled Chief Schnibben, of the fire depratment, and he testified that in his opinion both the fires at Dr. J. H Durham's residence and the boarding house of Mrs. Annie M. Gilbert were incendiary.

Mrs. Gilbert testified that before the fire at her house Judge was in her house and ran on her in the basement. He said he was confused in finding his way out. She said he presented her a bill for laundry work, as the defendant testified on Tuesday. Mrs. Gilbert's son, James, testified that he saw Judge on the steps and he also told him that he was confused. Mrs. Gilbert testified that the arrangement of the house was such as to confuse any one in finding his way out.

About the only new evidence brought out by the State was in the testimony of Mr. T. E. Grafton, whose clothing and trunk were destroyed in the room at Dr. Durham's residence. Mr. Grafton testified that a 38 calibre pistol had been taken from the room.

The State put up Mr. J. C. Springer, of the hardware firm of W. E. Springer & Co., who testified that Judge on the day of the fires, bought some 32 calibre cartridges from him, later he returned and exchanged them for 38 calibre cartridges, saying that they were for a party at Delgado.

After hearing the testimony, strong speeches were made by B. G. Empie, Esq., for the defendant, and by City Attorney W. J. Bellamy and Herbert McClammy, Esq., for the State.

Justice Fowler stated that he would reserve his decision until 10 o'clock this morning, as to whether he considers the testimony sufficient to hold Judge for trial in the Superior Court.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

Special Meeting of County Commissioners. Some Applications Held Up.

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon to consider applications for license to sell liquor for the six months beginning January 1st. The members in attendance were Chairman McEachern and Commissioners Robertson, Divine, Alexander and Vollers.

The entire list of applications which the Board of Aldermen granted at a special meeting of fifteen minutes duration on Monday night was laid before the commissioners for consideration. They met at 2:30 P. M., and that they were in session till about 5 o'clock, shows how carefully they went into the matter. Each application was examined and the list of freeholders recommending them were scanned.

The board granted forty-eight licenses, but held up eleven because the endorsing freeholders were not satisfactory to the board. Some of the parties recommending the applicants were unknown negroes, and some of them were not only not freeholders, but their names were not even on the tax books. The applications were referred back to the applicants for satisfactory endorsers.

In addition to the licenses granted by the Board of Aldermen, the commissioners granted license to W. H. Stokley to retail liquor at his place at Wrightsville, and to James F. Mason to retail liquor at the Atlantic View hotel bar, Wrightsville. Under the Watts liquor law licenses can be issued only to parties in incorporated town sor cities, but the law makes an exception as to the resorts' hotels at Wrightsville, Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach.

Real Estate Transfers.

In the office of the Register of Deeds yesterday deeds were recorded, making the following transfers of real estate:

By Thomas C. McIlhenny and wife, for a consideration of $350, to H. H. McIlhenny, Mrs. Sarah C. Lockhart, Mrs. Margaret D. Catlett, and W. Whiting McIlhenny, their right, title interest and estate claim in property belonging to the estate of the late Col. T. C. McIlhenny. The property transferred is the three story brick building and lot fronting 20 feet on the north side of Market street and extending northwardly 130 feet along the western line of Second street to Toomer's alley; and 500 acres of land on the southern end of Eagles' Island, lying on the east side of Brunswick river, in Brunswick county.

By Fred L. and Oscar Pearsall, executors of the will of the late Mrs. Rachael W. Pearsall, deceased, to Oscar Pearsall, trustee, in pursuance of directions in the will, a tract of land on Wrightsville Sound, known as the Burr Summer place and also known as Stedman Park. Consideration, $2,600. The tract contains seven and a half acres.

— Raleigh *Post*: Miss Lucile Besson, of Wilmington, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Besson, on West Edenton street.

NEW YEAR RECEPTION

The Young Men's Christian Association to Entertain Public To-morrow Night.

AN OPEN HOUSE AFFAIR.

A Reception Will be Given to the Young People in the Afternoon and to Grown Folks at Night—Games and Gymnastic Exhibitions.

The Young Men's Christian Association will observe the first day of January with a big reception to the public.

This is the annual "open house" reception which is always observed at this time of the year. The Ladies' Auxiliary will be the hostesses of the occasion and they will receive in their usual charming manner all who attend this reception. They will be assisted by the Social Committee, of which Mr. J. T. King is chairman, and all who know Mr. King are assured by his presence of a pleasant evening.

The day will be divided into two parts. In the afternoon, beginning at 4 and continuing until 6 o'clock, the reception will be for the younger folks who are not under 10 years old and not over 18 years old. Refreshments will be served and a good game of basket ball will be played by picked teams composed of the younger members of the young men's class and the older boys from the junior class. All the players are good ones and a good game is assured.

In the evening, the entertainment will be for the grown folks. This will be from eight-thirty to eleven o'clock. The features of this entertainment will be a gymnastic exhibition and refreshments. The gymnastic exhibition will be as follows:

1. Running Maize—Class.
2. Running High Jump from Springboard.
3. Comedy Boxing.
4. Exercises over German Horse. Leader's Corps.
5. Wrestling—R. N. Jobe and A. N. Hilburn.
6. Wand Drill—Class.
7. Tumbling—F. DuPre and F. M. Bryant.
8. Exercises on Parallel Bars—Leader's Corps.

The gymnastic exhibition will take place in the auditorium and will begin promptly at 8:30 P. M. There will be no charge for admission. Room is provided for only 450 people and as there will be no reserved seats it will be necessary to be on time in order to secure one.

After the exhibition, which will last until about ten o'clock, the ladies will serve refreshments in the parlors of the association and one hour will be spent in general conversation and social intercourse.

Every friend of the association is most cordially invited to be present to enjoy the evening.

The ladies will beautifully decorate the room for the occasion, and like all its predecessors, the reception will be a most delightful affair.

FINE PREACHER COMING.

Rev. Mr. Herbert, of Columbia, to Address Men's Meeting at the Y. M. C. A.

The next speaker at the Sunday afternoon men's meeting will be the Rev. W. I. Herbert, of Columbia, S. C., who will speak to men next Sunday in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

Mr. Herbert is a Methodist, and is considered one of the finest preachers in the South Carolina Conference. He is a man of strong personality and attractive appearance. As a speaker he has few superiors in this part of the country. He is eloquent and forceful. He delivers his message in a clear and pointed manner, and never leaves a point in doubt. He is an evangelist in style and work, and has done as much good for the men of his city and other cities where he has spoken as any other man in the South.

The Rev. Mr. Herbert comes to our city with a message which should be heard by every man in the city. We are fortunate in securing such a strong man for this work.

Among the Shipping.

The British barque "Hillside" passed over the bar and out to sea at 7:40 o'clock yesterday morning.

The American schooner "Robert H. Stevenson," Captain Higbee, cleared yesterday for New York with a cargo of 25,000 oak and pine cross ties, shipped by the Hall Tie and Lumber Company. Vessel by C. D. Mafflit.

The American schooner "Adel Thackera," Captain McKeen, cleared yesterday for New York with a cargo of 12,300 cross-ties, shipped by the Eccleston Lumber Company. Vessel by C. D. Mafflit.

The American schooner "Millie R. Bohannan, Captain Smith, was cleared light yesterday for Savannah by C. D. Mafflit, agent.

Street Work.

The street force has about completed the grading of Market street from Second to Fourth street, and the laying of the paving stones will begin in a few days.

A block on Second street between Dock and Orange has been macadamized and the work will be pushed on down Second street to Castle. The grading has been about completed and the curbstones laid about half way.

Special sale for the next ten days, beginning December 29th to January 10th, 20 per cent. discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent. discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Cut Glass. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bissinger, The China Man, 119 Market street.

THE WIRE WORKERS.

Local Union No, 121 Elected Officers Last Night—An "Arabian Degree Klan" Organized to Make Fun.

Local Union No. 121, International Brotherhood of Electrical Wire Workers, had its regular meeting last night at the union hall in the Atlantic National Bank building, on Front and Princess streets.

The principal business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President—James Sutton.
Vice President—H. McGodwin.
Recording and Financial Secretary—E. C. Yarbrough.
Treasurer—A. H. Weedon.
First Inspector—G. C. Canady.
Second Inspector—E. C. Horton.
Trustee—H. McGodwin.
Foreman—I. S. King.
Press Secretary—I. S. King.

The Union had an enthusiastic meeting and is in a flourishing condition. Besides the election of officers, the Union decided to organize an "Arabian Degree Klan," which is a fun-making feature which the Unions are adopting throughout this country. The initiation degree is said to be a corker and the boys are sure that the Klan will make the Union more popular and entertaining to its members. Officers for the Klan will be elected at the regular meeting next Wednesday night.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. W. F. Stone, of Elrod, is here on business.

— Mr. Carl Rehder went up to Burgaw yesterday.

— Mr. W. A. Rourk is back from a business trip to Norfolk.

— Mr. P. Fitzhugh, of Washington, N. C., is in the city.

— Miss E. Melick, of Elizabeth City, is a guest of The Orton.

— Mr. J. King Corbett left for Greensboro on business yesterday.

— Col. W. B. Fort, of Pikeville, came down to the city last evening.

— Mr. A. E. Shaw, of Laurinburg, was here making business calls yesterday.

— Mr. W. L. Middleton, of Rocky Mount, arrived in the city on business yesterday.

— Mr. D. R. Canady, of Sneed's Ferry, gave the STAR a pleasant call yesterday.

— Messrs. W. H. Hanson and J. N. Jenkins, of Warsaw, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lord have returned from Cincinnati, where they visited relatives.

— Mr. and Mrs. Anson Alligood left yesterday for Washington, N. C., to visit relatives.

— Mr. J. C. Horne, of Magnolia, was a welcome caller at The STAR sanctum yesterday.

— Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Stanton, of Calabash, were among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

— Mr. A. D. Moore, of New Haven, Conn., is in the city calling on our lumber manufacture's.

— Mr. Chas. H. Robinson, Jr., who has been here on a visit to his mother, has returned to Atlanta.

— Henry A. Grady, Esq., of Clinton, who came down Tuesday on legal business, returned last night.

— Mr. E. C. Davis, of Columbia, has returned after a pleasant visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Davis.

— Mrs. C. E. Schachner and children, of Monroe, are here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Davis.

— Mr. Harry G. Smallbones, who now resides at High Springs, Florida, is spending the holidays here with his parents.

— Mr. Henry C. Stolter, of New York, arrived here on Tuesday night, but got here too late to attend the funeral of his father, the lamented Mr. John F. Stolter, who was buried Tuesday morning.

— Mr. John W. Reilly is still confined to his home with a sprained ankle, his injury having been received on Monday when he was picked up by a fender on car No. 16, which was going north on Front street opposite the Elks' Club.

Odd Fellows' Election.

At the regular meeting of Orion Lodge, No. 67, held last night, the following officers were elected for the term next ensuing:

N. G.—J. E. G. Brown.
V. G.—A. W. Watson.
R. S.—L. Tate Bowden.
F. S.—J. E. Silva.
Treasurer—H. O. Craig.

The above together with appointive officers will be installed at the next meeting on Wednesday night next.

Holiday Hours at the Postoffice.

The following hours will be observed at the postoffice on New Year's day: The carriers will make one delivery and one collection. The stamp window and general delivery will be open from 9 to 10 A. M. The money order and registry departments will be closed all day.

Governor Aycock Here Yesterday.

Governor Chas. B. Aycock came up yesterday from Whiteville and left at 7 o'clock last evening on his return to Raleigh. The Governor had been to Whiteville to see his brother, Hon. B. F. Aycock, who has been quite ill. He left his brother better.

283 NEW CLOAKS!

We Are Receiving Daily New Cloaks.

Will have to arrive this week 283 all styles.

No. 331, a lady's Coat, made of the best material, full military finish, long Cape, all colors, at $6.98; they have been $10. Our best Coats $16.50. Same Coat, full Silk lined, latest style $12.50 in all colors. Some stores selling them for $20.

No. 381, Black and light Chocolate or Castor Coat, best goods, without Cape, at $5.98; has been selling at $8.

No. 461, A good Coat in latest style at $3.98. We have the box or light back and will guarantee to save you from $2 to $6 on a Coat. I also have a full line of Misses long Coats from 65c to $6.75 each.

Don't forget our 69c Kid Gloves; they are the same other stores charge you $1 and $1.50 for.

MILLINERY.

Our fine Pattern Hats will go at Cost; $10 Hats $7, and $8 Hats for $5, and $5 Hats for $3.50, $16 Hats for $10. Our ready to wear Hats that were $2.75; all reduced to $1.50.

Misses' and Children's Hats that was $1.75 now 75c.

A new line of very fine Furs, something fine for Christmas presents, $1.95, $2.50, $5, $6 and $8.

A new lot of wide Lace Collars $39c, $1, $1.50, $2; the collar with stole effect, Batenburg work; come nearly to waist, for $2.50.

A new lot of fine Skirts to arrive Tuesday, December 15th.

Waist, Stock Collars, Silk Mufflers.

PARIS MILLINERY EMPORIUM,
129 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.,
Next to Bonitz Hotel.
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ENJOYABLE AFFAIR AT MONTAGUE

Reported for the Morning Star.

A very enjoyable affair took place in St. Augustine (Catholic) church at Montague on Christmas day, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. We had a lovely Christmas tree, bountifully laden with the fruits from good old Santa Claus, represented by J. W. Charles. He was assisted by his two nieces, aged five, who with deft hands and nimble feet, delivered the presents as they were taken from the tree.

The hearts of all the little folks were made glad, and the grown ones were not forgotten. The Divine feeling of "Peace on earth, good will towards all," was distinctly manifest throughout the assembly.

In another corner was a lovely grotto formed of the native pine, holly and smilax, representing the stable at Bethlehem, and placed therein was the crib with the Divine Child, His Holy Mother, St. Joseph, and the wise men. It was lighted by wax tapers, and it was a thing of beauty, consequently a joy forever, happily impressing upon the youthful minds the great event for which Christmas is so joyfully celebrated.

A PARTICIPANT.

RALEIGH'S AUDITORIUM.

To Accommodate Big Conventions and Other State Meetings.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 30.—The Raleigh Auditorium Committee to-day elected Cary J. Hunter president to succeed C. M. Busbee, who declined re-election. The company has purchased the Academy of Music and has $3,000 in hand toward enlarging and remodelling it for auditorium purposes, to accommodate big conventions and other State meetings. The new management expects to push the undertaking to an early consummation.

The Secretary of State authorizes change of name of the Kinston-Clark Brick and Tile Company, to Carolina Brick Company of Kinston.

Another Large Audience.

Popular Mabel Paige and her excellent company gave their third performance last night at the Academy of Music. The bill was "Becky Bliss, the Circus Girl," and it was witnessed by another large and highly satisfied audience.

The bill for to-night will be "The Girl From the West," a play full of fun from start to finish. Seats will be on sale at Plummer's, beginning at 8 o'clock this morning.

Death at the Hospital.

Mr. Josiah Vincent died at the James Walker Memorial Hospital this morning at 12:30 o'clock. He was a paralytic and was admitted to the hospital about three weeks ago. For a number of years Mr. Vincent has run a dray for the N. Jacobi Hardware Company. He was married a second time and leaves a wife and two children by his first wife.

DIED.

SCHULKEN—At 11:30 A. M. Wednesday, December 30, 1903, JOHN ERHARDT SCHULKEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schulken, aged 17 years.

Funeral this (Thursday) afternoon at 3:30 P. M. from residence, corner Fourth and Nixon streets, and services at 3 P. M. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Interment at Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE!

All persons are hereby warned against gathering, collecting or bartering in the bottles of the undersigned companies. The companies will not pay for collecting their own bottles and will not purchase bottles from any person or persons. Any person dealing in or selling any of the bottles belonging to the undersigned will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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THURSDAY NIGHT,
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I own sixty building lots in the Southern portion of the City of Wilmington which I will sell for cash, prices ranging from $30 to $35. I will give warranty deeds for same. For further particulars you may see my attorney, Geo. H. Howell, at 115½ Princess street.
dec 27 1m MARY McI. HARRISS.

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 31.

NATIONAL AND STATE JURISDICTIONS.

In discussing the prevalence of unpunished crime in the United States, the relation of the general government to the evil complained of is frequently ignored or grossly misrepresented. The fact is that the criminal jurisdiction of the United States within the boundaries of a State is extremely narrow as compared with that of the State. Only a small percentage of the murders and other felonies committed in any of the forty-five commonwealths composing the republic are crimes against the United States. Acts of violence committed against Federal officials in the discharge of their official duties, frauds on the Federal revenues, obstruction of the mails, and a few other offences against the sovereignty of the central authority make up the total of evil doing in a State of which the general government can take cognizance. We have two sovereignties, each of which is supreme in its own sphere and neither of which has any business in the other's sphere. Although it is competent for the general government to take a quiet, orderly citizen from his home and family and put him "in the forefront of battle," it is beyond the right of that government to go into a State to arrest, try, or punish any crime that is exclusively against the State.

It ought not to be necessary to dwell on these rudimentary principles, but there is such a necessity. Both in this country and abroad there is a failure to understand the quality of our system of government, the fact that our general government is limited in authority, and that the great and varied rights, powers and duties that are not devolved upon it by the Constitution are reserved to the States and the people.

Last week the National Sociological Society, at a meeting in this city, declared that "it is the duty of the government to afford adequate and equal protection to each and every citizen in full enjoyment of every right guaranteed by the Constitution and by the laws of the land," and that "the perpetuity of the republic is dependent upon fidelity to this principle." And what is stranger than the adoption of that is its indorsement as a "truthful statement" by the New York *Evening Post*. As that indorsement is made in connection with a reference to "mob violence," which the association denounced, the inevitable conclusion is that the association and the *Evening Post* regard it as "the duty of the government" to interfere, unasked by local powers, with the mobs that kill, or otherwise maltreat citizens, whether in Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, or in any other State or section.

Only a very few years ago, a minority of the voting citizens of a State overturned that State's government, putting out the duly elected and putting in the fairly defeated, thus effecting a complete revolution. An appeal to the United States Supreme Court called out a decision that the United States had no authority to interfere in such a case. That fact ought to be sufficient to satisfy any and all classes of citizens that it is not "the duty of the general government to afford adequate and equal protection." With most of the great wrongs, with most of the flagrant denials of rights the government has nothing whatever to do. The area of State rights, of undisputed and indisputable State rights, is still very broad, and there is no prospect of its early reduction.—*Washington Post.*

AFTER THE RAILROADS.

One of the most flourishing industries in the State of Texas is now that of suing the railways and collecting enormous damages upon claims for personal injuries, real or fictitious. A perverted public sentiment against corporations, reflected in the laws and in their enforcement by courts and juries, has increased the judgments against the roads in damage suits to vast and alarming proportions. In ten years the annual amount actually paid by Texas railroads in damages for personal injuries has grown from $295,000 to $1,765.000, the total for 1903. This last amount represents $136.46 per mile. In the last three years Texas roads have paid $4,200,000 in judgments of this kind, besides the heavy cost of litigation.

At the ratio of increase in the past ten years, says the *Railway Age*, the damages on account of such claims ten years hence will amount to $10,590,000. In 1902 the damage awards against the Southern Pacific in Texas alone amounted to $453,000, while on all the company's lines in New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon and Utah the total was only $118,000. On July 1 there were pending against the three lines of the Southern Pacific Company in Texas suits for personal injuries amounting to $6.000,000, or $3,000 per mile of road owned. In less than six months there were decided in Texas by Appellate courts 121 personal injury cases against railroads, while in Iowa, with nearly the same railway mileage and earnings, the number of such cases was eleven.

TWINKLINGS

— Dumley—By George! I believe I'm the greatest fool in the world. Synnex—That makes it unanimous.—*Boston Transcript.*

— Encouragement.—Pupil (after repeated attempts)—Oh, I'm sure I never shall be able to? Professor—Oh, yes, you will. I was just as big a donkey myself at first!—*Punch.*

— Mrs. Parvenue: My husband has so much taste, don't you think? Mrs. Cutting: Yes; it's a great pity there isn't a little of it that might be called good.—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Socrates was sipping the hemlock. "It's pretty bad," he acknowledged, "but think what I have escaped. I might have been invited to a pink tea."—*Brooklyn Life.*

— The Engagement Is Off.—He was calling, and she pleasantly said: "I sang into a phonograph to-day." "Indeed," he replied, innocently; "I suppose you broke the record." *Yonkers Statesman.*

— He: Really, I hardly know what to order. She: Yes, that's the way sometimes. A menu merely reminds you of a number of things you don't want to eat.—*Puck.*

— Church: I notice none of the Weather Bureau men never carry umbrellas when they have predicted rain, Gotham: No, after having predicted it, I suppose they feel as if they should do everything they could to encourage it.—*Yonker's Statesman.*

— Booker—I see a Western Shakespearean scholar has reviewed that old discussion about Bacon. What do you think about it? Booker—Well, all I know is that we have to pay 18 cents a pound now for the same stuff we used to get for 12.—*Philadelphia Ledger*

— Ethel—I can't decide which of them to accept. Kate—Why, that ought to be easy. Ethel—I know, but you see, Jack always gives me roses, and Reggie always gives me violets, and the florist tells me they cost exactly the same price.—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.*

— "What are you going to give your husband for Christmas?" "A whole lot of poker chips," replied young Miss Torkins, "so that he can have all he wants without having to sit up all night trying to win them."—*Washington Star.*

— Mrs. Homer—John, if Mrs. Neighbors gets a new sealskin sack this winter I must have one also. Homer—Well, don't worry about it, dear. Neighbors and I formed a protective union to-day, and neither of you is to have one.—*Chicago News.*

— Vegetarian—Don't you know that the strongest animals are all vegetarians, the elephant being the most powerful? Carnivorous Friend—That's all right. If they weren't so strong they never would be able to stand a vegetable diet.—*Boston Transcript.*

— Miss Pechis—I have already said "no" to you, Mr. Vere. I don't seem to be able to make myself plain, although I have tried—Percy Vere—Ah, you couldn't do that no matter how you try, Miss Pechis. Miss Pechis—Well—er—of course, I shall always be glad to have you call upon me, Mr. Vere—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "The trouble with the average American," remarked the placid philosopher, "is that he doesn't stop work long enough to digest his food. He doesn't appreciate the importance of the alimentary canal." "My friend," replied Senator Sorghum, as he hastily signed another letter, "there's no use in trying to ring in any new ones. It'll be either Panama or Nicaragua. — *Washington Star.*

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 24nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

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Will probably do the work. Bad cases require more. RHEUMACIDE cures by getting rid of the cause, so that no trace of the disease lingers in the system. It purifies the blood, relieves the inflammation of the kidneys, the chronic constipation and the catarrh that follows such a condition of the system.

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REV. J. R. WHEELER, a noted Methodist minister, of Reisterstown, Md., writes enthusiastically of RHEUMACIDE, which cured him. He is 75 years old and has been in the ministry 50 years.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

—— These recent exhibitions of British sympathy with Japan have undoubtedly produced a profound impression in Russia, and if the Russian government now decides to accept Japan's proposals, which are really very reasonable, it will be mainly because of British backing.—*New Orleans Picayune, Dem.*

—— It is a mistake to suppose that none but the large manufacturing enterprises pay. An industry which costs but a few thousand, or even a few hundred dollars, may pay a larger percentage of profit than the larger one. The aggregate gain will not be as large, but the individual profits will be larger.—*Montgomery Advertiser.*

—— Whether we like it or not, it is plain that there is to be an enormous development to the north of us. If we had the sense to take down the stupid tariff bars and give free course to the natural and mutually profitable exchanges, we should have nothing to fear and much to hope for from such development.—*N. Y. Times, Dem.*

—— The opposition of Democratic senators to the methods of the administration in dealing with isthmus affairs should not be misinterpreted. Because they are not willing that the honor and good faith of the United States shall be compromised in dealing with a weaker republic, it does not follow that they are opposed to the construction of the Panama canal. Because there has been haggling delay and deceit at Bogota the administration at Washington is not absolved from the observance of its international obligations. Better wait ten years for the beginning of the work on the canal than compromising the national reputation for just dealing. — *Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Representative Shafroth, of Colorado, is not satisfied that his State shall be represented by a star in the field of the United States flag; he wishes to know which particular star stands for Colorado, and incidentally which for each of the other States of the union. He has, therefore, introduced into Congress a bill rearranging the field of the flag and assigning each State its distinctive position. Under this bill the original thirteen States are to have the position of honor in the flag and the stars of the admitted States are to be placed with respect to the order of their admission that the position of any one of them can be identified at once.—*Savannah Morning News.*

—— Great Britain has fewer judges than the State of New York, and they administer the law for a population equal to half our own, besides deciding the cases that come up from the colonies on appeal, and all cases can be heard within the year. Here, with all our innumerable State courts and United States courts, litigation drags on for years, and criminals, who in England are always promptly disposed of, are able here to so manipulate legal procedure as to endlessly delay, and not infrequently wholly thwart, the ends of justice. In the interests of social order, justice and economy these conditions should be investigated, carefully considered and reformed.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

——The North does not appreciate what a large share of prosperity has come to the Southern States by reason of the high price of cotton in recent years. The *Manufacturers' Record* of Baltimore points out that the excess of value of the cotton crops of the last five years amounts to $800,000,000. That is to say that the rise in the price of cotton has been worth $160,000,000 a year to the farmers of the South. That much increased wealth cannot fail to have a stimulating effect on Southern development. It means a vast accession to the Southern capital. The excess value in five years is more than twice the entire capital invested in all the cotton mills of the United States in 1900. It is more than the market value of the Standard Oil Company, and more than the entire capital of all the national banks. The *Manufacturers' Record* estimates that the value of this year's crop, including the seed, is about $650,000,000. Think of it! No wonder that the South, like the West, cares little about what goes on in Wall street.—*Minneapolis Journal.*

WEST OF THE SIERRAS.

Cheney's Expectorant is the best cough medicine in the world. My little child was subject to violent attacks of croup until I obtained a bottle of Cheney's Expectorant. One dose soothes the throat membranes and produces rest.

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Saving.

More than 500 persons competed for the prizes offered by a Chicago company for the best thoughts on the subject of saving. The man who received the first prize wrote: "Saving produces a peace of mind unknown to him who in time of misfortune must depend on the bounty of his friends. Determine to save, for will power is the prime essential. Deposit regularly. Lay aside some portion of each week's or month's income. Deposit extra and unexpected receipts." It is a short but sound and comprehensive sermon on thrift and enlists in a good cause two forces that sometimes fight on opposite sides —will power and habit.

Rebuking an Organist.

An organist had for some time been trying to extract a compliment from Dr. Nathaniel Emmons, a well known divine of Franklin, Mass. The old doctor possessed a cunning wit, used sparingly, however.

"The organ is not as powerful as it looks," said the organist after one of the services. "Some of the pipes are false, placed there only for effect."

"Ah," exclaimed the doctor, his features brightening, "there are times when even a clergyman may prefer the false to the real."

True Politeness.

Be careful not to confound politeness with the automatic following of social rules, says the Chicago Record-Herald. Do not seek to do only as others do, even if it is the very makers of the social laws. Preserve your originality. No one may move wholly according to rules and be natural. Remember that a bit of the milk of human kindness, a few grains of good common sense, mixed well with a desire to "do unto others," is a splendid recipe for success in most walks of life.

Would Help Her Out.

Mrs. Hiram—You may stay until your week is up, Bridget, but when you go I must tell you I won't be able to write you a letter of recommendation.

Bridget—Don't let yer want of eddication imbarrass ye, madam. Oi'll write it fur ye, an' ye can make yer mark to it.—Philadelphia Press.

Hardly a Love Match.

Miss Smilax—And so Miss Passe and Mr. Gotnix really got married. Was it a love match?

Mary—On the contrary, I should call it a hate match.

Miss Smilax—Why? I don't understand you.

Mary—Why, she hated to be an old maid, and he hated to be poor.

Servants In China.

A rich man's servant in China gets no salary, yet many are the applicants; while big salaries are paid to the servants of the common people, but few make application. The perquisites of the former often more than triple the salaries of the latter.

The first step to knowledge is to know that we are ignorant.—Cecil.

The wise man is cured of ambition by ambition.—La Bruyere.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 31.

STEAMERS.

Caprera, (Br) 3,197 tons, Connell, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Amerla, (Br) 1,575 tons, Scarf, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Edward Stewart, 353 tons, Mitchell, C D Mafflitt.

Jennie Lockwood, 376 tons, Hatchhorn, C D Mafflitt.

Eliza A Scribner, 357 tons, Dodd, to master.

Herald, 474 tons, Simmons, C D Mafflitt.

Aetna, 297 tons, Chipman, C D Mafflitt.

Helen G Moseley, 502 tons, Gray, C D Mafflitt.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 55c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.35 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 52½c; rosin firm at $1.35@1.40; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	14
Rosin	356
Tar	309
Crude turpentine	57

Receipts same day last year—23 casks spirits turpentine, 540 barrels rosin, 213 barrels tar, 95 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

Same day last year, market firm at 8¼c for middling.

Receipts—654 bales; same day last year, 443.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm, 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 15@30c; springs, 20@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Money on call was strong at 3@7 per cent., closing bid — per cent., and offered at 2 per cent.; time loans easy; sixty days, 6 per cent.; ninety days 5 per cent.; six months 4¾@5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5@6 per cent. Sterling exchange was heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483.50@483 60 for demand and 480.75@480.80 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates 481½@483 and 485@485½. Commercial bills 480½. Bar silver 55¾. Mexican dollars 43¾. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 106; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, ex int, 105¾; do. coupon, 106½; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 135; do. coupons 133¾; U.S. 4's, old, reg'd, 107¾; U.S. 4's, old coupon, 108¾; U.S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 114⅝. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 89; Chesapeake & Ohio 33¾; Manhattan L 143¾; New York Central 120¾; Reading 45½; do. 1st preferred 77; do. 2nd preferred 60; St. Paul 1[illegible] pref'd, 176; Southern Railway pref'd 78¾; Amalgam[illegible] 50¾; People's Gas [illegible] Coal and Iron 38¾; [illegible] 7¾; U. S. Leather, [illegible]; Western Union 86¼; [illegible] 3¾; do. preferred 57¾; [illegible]olina Chemical, 29½; [illegible]es; do. preferred, closed 10[illegible] 0 shares. Standard Oil 66[illegible]

[illegible] MD., Dec. 29.—Seaboard Al[illegible] non, 11@11½; do. preferred. do. bonds, fours, 70@71. Atlan[illegible] Coast Line, common, 106½@107½; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Rosin steady. Strained common to good $2 55. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 30.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55¾c; sales — casks. Rosin steady; sales — barrels; A, B, C, $2 15; D, $2 15, E, $2 15; F, $2 15; G, $2 15; H, $2 25; I, $2 45; K, $2 70; M, $3 80; N, $3 95; W G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 30.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 56½c; receipts 454 casks; sales — casks; exports — casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 1,379 barrels; sales — barrels; exports 247 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 25; D, $2 25; E, $2 25; F, $2 25; G, $2 30; H, $2 40; I, $2 60; K, $2 85; M, $2 95; N, $3 10; W G, $3 30; W W $3 55.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The cotton market opening irregular at an advance of seven points to a decline of eight points, ruled very active and very irregular, but showed on the whole a declining tendency that seemed chiefly the result of liquidation accompanied by apprehensions that the big bulls were unloading. From the very start the market was erratic to such an extent that it was almost impossible to tell from one minute to another whether prices were going up or down. Generally speaking, however, prices broke rapidly during the early trading until shortly before the noon hour they were net thirty-five to forty points lower on the active months, this being a decline from the best prices of yesterday of about $4.85 a bale. Just after the noon hour the bulls started buying aggressively. The room which had been helping to sell the market down, turned quickly for profits. As prices worked upward wire houses got buying orders and in a moment everything was confusion, with prices going upward so rapidly that inside of fifteen minutes they had been rallied to a little over the final quotations of the previous night. At the recovery demand fell off and while the local bull leader appeared to be buying in a small way during the balance of the session, prices though more or less irregular worked generally downward, with the close weak at a net decline of thirty-three to forty-nine points. Sales were estimated at 1,500,000 bales. The late break was accompanied by unsettling rumors regarding the Far Eastern situation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Cotton quiet at 13.50c; net receipts 240 bales; gross receipts 2,854 bales; stock 68,823 bales.

Cotton futures market closed weak; December 13.93, January 13.00, February 13.08, March 13.24, April 13.27, May 13.32, June 13.31, July 13.32, August 12.96.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 20 points lower; middling uplands 13.50; middling gulf 13.75c; sales 1,410 bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 51,537 bales; exports to Great Britain 33,690 bales; exports to France 110 bales; exports to the Continent 38,135 bales; stock 983,073 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 200,897 bales; exports to Great Britain 35,512 bales; exports to France 17,141 bales; exports to the Continent 62,575 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 5,136,876 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,496,430 bales; exports to France 513,395 bales; exports to the Continent 1,587,146 bales; exports to Japan 24,435 bales; exports to Mexico 18,444 bales.

Dec. 30.—Galveston, easy at 13¼c, net receipts 12,778 bales; Norfolk, not received, net receipts 3,900 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 13.70c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 13.70, net receipts 202 bales; Wilmington, nominal, net receipts 654 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 13.75c, net receipts — bales; Savannah, quiet at 13¼, net receipts 378 bales; New Orleans, dull at 13¼c, net receipts 23,680 bales; Mobile, nominal at 13c, net receipts 831 bales; Memphis, quiet at 13¼c, net receipts 4,250 bales; Augusta, nominal at 13¼, net receipts 1,012 bales; Charleston, quiet at 13¼c, net receipts 521 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Flour was quiet but steady. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red —. Options had a strong opening but soon declined under big Northwest receipts, easy cables and room selling. On a sudden war scare they turned strong at noon, and held the advance, closing firm at a net rise of ¼@⅜c on May and June, while December closed ¼c lower under liquidation. Sales were: May closed 87¾c; July closed 88¾c; December closed 91c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 52c. Options opened steady, weakened with wheat, rallied later on the war talk and closed net higher; May closed 51½c; December 52c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2 42¼c. Options nominal. Lard quiet; Western steam $7 25; refined firm. Pork firm. Butter steady; extra creamery 28¾c; State dairy 14@20. Cheese quiet; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 13c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3@5c. Potatoes steady; Long Island $2 12@2 37; Jerseys $2 00@2 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 10@2 15. Cabbage steady; domestic, per ton, $15 00@35 00; per 100 $6 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12. Rice quiet. Molasses firm. Tallow firm; city ($2 per package) 3½c; country (package free) 4¼@5¼c. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 37c. Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining 3c; centrifugal 96 test 3½c; molasses sugar 2¾c; refined sugar quiet. Cotton seed oil was quiet but steady, without change: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 29@30c; prime summer yellow 36¾@37c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 39@40c; prime winter yellow 40@42c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Alarming reports in regard to the crisis in the Orient imparted strength to both grain and provisions to-day. Liverpool profit taking, however, caused a loss of all the gain in the leading option in wheat. May closing at precisely the final figures of yesterday, May corn finished ½c. up, oats ½c and provisions 12½ to 37½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Cash prices: Flour—Market strong. Wheat—No. 2 spring 81@84; No. 3 spring 70@78c; No. 2 red 83@86c. Corn—No. 2 42¼c; No. 3 yellow 44. Oats—No. 2 36½@36¾; No. 3 white 35¼@37c. Rye—No. 2 51@51¾. Mess pork, per bbl, $12 50@12 63½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 67½@6 72½. Short rib sides, loose, $6 25@6 50. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 37½@6 50. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 81, 81¾, 81, 81¾c; May 84@84¾, 85⅝, 84¾; July 78¼@78, 78¾@78¾, 78¾c. Corn—No. 2 December 41¾, 41⅝, 41¾, 41½c; May 45, 45⅜, 44¾, 45¼c; July 44¾@44¾, 44¼, 44¼c. Oats—No. 2 December 35¾, 36, 34⅞, 36c; May 37¼@38¼, 37⅜, 38c; July 34¾@34¾, 34¾, 34⅞@35c. Mess pork, per January $12 12½, 12 45, 12 12½, May $12 45, 12 63½, 12 45, 12 45. per 100 lbs—January $6 60, 6 7 6 75; May $6 82½, 6 95, 6 95, Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January 6 35, 6 30, 6 35; May $6 55, 6 6 6 55.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 7½c; mild firm; Cordova 8¼@13c. Futures opened steady and unchanged to an advance of 10 points. Later the market turned easier under increased liquidation in the absence of aggressive bull support, closing steady at a decline of 19 to 15 points. Sales 122,000 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—Cotton: Spot, small business done; prices 20 points lower; American middling fair 7.50d; good middling 7.34d; middling 7.24d; low middling 7.18d; good ordinary 7.08d; ordinary 6.88d. The sales of the day were 3,000 bales, of which 300 bales were for speculation and export and included 2,600 bales American. Receipts 62,000 bales, including 44,700 bales American.

Futures opened easier and closed weak; American middling (g o c): December 6.95@6.96d; December and January 6.95d; January and February 6.95d; February and March 6.94@6.95d; March and April 6.94@6.95d; April and May 6.94d; May and June 6.94d; June and July 6.94d; July and August 6.91@6.92d; August and September 6.81d.

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NEW YORK—Schr Robt H Stevenson, 25,000 cross ties; cargo by Hall Tie and Lumber Co; vessel by C D Mafflitt.

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Bonds		313 5 0 00
Real Estate		30,000 00
Cash in Vault	$ 70,721 76	
In other Banks	335,046 33	405,770 09
Total		$1,779 403 14

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Capital Stock	$125,000 00
Surplus, etc	183 185 65
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Deposits	1,346,256 39
Total	$1,779,403 14

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By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court made in the special proceeding of Mary E. Willis, Executrix of J. W. Willis vs. M. E. Willis et al., the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale to the highest bidder at public auction for cash at the Court house door in the city of Wilmington, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, the 20th of January 1904, the following lots of land situate in said city:

1st. Lot beginning at a point in northern line of Wooster street, 185 feet west of W. line of Ninth street, runs west with said line of Wooster street 67 feet, north parallel with Eighth street 6 feet, east parallel with Wooster 67 feet, south, parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to beginning. Part of Lot 6 Block 68.

2nd. A lot beginning at the N line of Wooster street at a point 150 feet west of W. line of Eleventh street, runs thence north parallel with said line of Eleventh street 66 feet, west 65 feet south, 66 to Wooster street, E. with northern line of Wooster street 65 feet to beginning. Part of Lot 6 Block 68.

3rd. A lot beginning at a point in Lot 3, block 33, 84 feet from western line of Ninth street, north, parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, with Dawson 33 feet, thence south parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, east parallel with Dawson street, 32 feet to beginning.

4th. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Mulberry and Fourteenth street, runs with western line of Fourteenth street 114 feet, west parallel with Mulberry street 80 feet to small branch, southeast with the run thereof to north line of Mulberry street, thence with north line of Mulberry street, eastwardly to the beginning; same being less by 10 feet on Fourteenth street than the whole lot and being east end of L—Block 470.

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From Brute To Man

[Original.]

The mutineers had killed the captain, two mates and won the Alida. The third mate, Edward Webster, had given them so much trouble, killing two of their number, that he was reserved for a death by some prolonged torture. They were trying to devise something unique. When passing an island one of them said:

"I tell you, mates, what we'll do. Let's take him ashore and when the tide's out bury him up to his neck in the sand. Then when it turns he'll get the slowest drowning man ever had."

There was a shout of approval to this, and several of the men went forward to drop the anchor while others lowered a boat from the davits. When all was ready Webster was put into the boat and rowed ashore. The tide had just passed the flood, and it would be eleven hours before another high water. The mutineers dug a hole at the highest line of foam and put their captive in it, leaving his head free, his arms pinned close to his sides. Filling in the sand, they stamped it down about him so that it was impossible for him to move. Then they took to their boat, guying him as they pulled away.

So long as Webster had them and the ship to look at his mind did not wholly rest upon his condition. He watched them till they went aboard, saw them raise the anchor and sail away, keeping his mind upon them till the last ray of sunlight faded from the ship's sails.

Above the horizon where the bark had disappeared hung a dark cloud like a sea gull with outstretched wings. Then there was a faint flash of lightning. "There'll be a storm," thought the captive, "and it will shorten this agony, driving the tide in earlier and higher. May it come quickly."

It was 6 o'clock in the evening when Webster was buried, and till midnight a three-quarter moon sailed between black, ragged clouds, while occasionally a flash of lightning added to the terrible splendor of the scene. It was the ocean—the black, heaving, tumbling ocean—its merciless waves falling heavily on the beach with monotonous regularity, that was the chief horror. The captive watched the receding tide, saw it turn and then crawl slowly upon him. No stealthy jungle beast could be half so terrible.

And what was his chief thought for the world which he was about to leave? Alas for humanity, the instinct of the brute creation predominated. With his sufferings was mingled a hatred for the men who had caused it. At such intervals as his mind reverted to aught but his situation it fell upon methods of revenge he would delight to inflict on his murderers.

Slowly the relentless ocean advanced. Had it life it would not have been so awful. Its unreasoning, inevitable purpose was its greatest horror. He knew that he was helpless, but could not refrain from an effort to free himself. Had he been able to move even infinitesimally he might in time loosen the sand about him. It was his inability to stir at all that pinioned him.

Soon after midnight the storm burst. As the tide rolled in the breakers increased in size and strength. Then came the dawn of day. By this time the extreme line of foam encircled the captive's neck.

And now came a ray of hope. Webster noticed that when the first wave to reach him receded it took with it sand from under his chin and left sand at the back of his neck. Another wave came and took more from in front, leaving more behind. Then as the seething foam passed over him he held his breath, regaining it when the water had withdrawn. Each receding wave piled sand under and scooped sand in front. He bent forward; his arms were loosened; he dragged himself from his hole.

He went to the crest of a dune and, throwing himself down, slept. When he awoke the tempest had lulled, but the ocean was chafing more fiercely than before. From his elevated position he saw a mile to his left a stranded ship and knew from her rigging that she was the Alida. He ran down to a point opposite her and saw men putting off on a raft. It tumbled for a moment on the curl of a comber, then capsized, leaving its crew in the water.

Webster saw a man being driven toward a protruding rock. Rushing to its outermost edge, he caught the helpless creature, saved him from being dashed to death and drew him away from the turmoil of brine. Another was thrown senseless on the beach and was about to be carried back when Webster dashed in and saved him. A third was swimming on the breakers. At the risk of his life Webster went out beyond a foothold and dragged him in. There were ten men on the raft, and these three were all that came ashore alive.

Then the three men who were saved stood before their rescuer, whom they had intended to barbarously murder.

"Men," Webster said, "last night when I saw the black fiend coming to drown me I longed to torture you to death. That, I suppose, is the brute in me. Then when I saw you struggling for life I felt something move me to pull you out. That, I suppose, is the man in me. At all events we're all living who should have been dead."

There is a sequel to this story, a volume of incidents, but it may be stated in a few words. Three brutes became men. For many a year they sailed with their captain, Edward Webster, and many a time their watchfulness saved him from some impending calamity. One of them died under a blow that was intended for him.

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The boy was somewhat surprised at this rebuff, but he speedily rose to the occasion and inquired, "When I go to heaven, shall I bother the angels?"

"I hope not," answered Mrs. Markham.

"Or God?"

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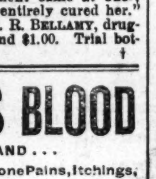

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Xmas Suggestions for the Holidays.

You cannot afford to spend days and hours in search of Christmas Presents. You will look the city over and find no better assortment or better value than in this Store. In all articles our line is complete and you get your money's worth and prices within the reach of all.

Our Rugs, Carpets, Art Squares and Mattings are Fine.

Attention is called to the assortments of Fancy Goods, Neckwear, Dress Patterns and trimmings to match.

Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas are the best.

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We want to close out our Furs and Cloaks for the season. We invite you all to see them.

We are Agents for A. Reker's Perfumes and Toilet Requisites.

We are Agents for Butterick's Patterns.

We are Agents for the American Lady Corset.

Our goods are all substantial for Presents and the best that the market can afford. Make us a visit and judge for yourself. dec 16 tf

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Acording to the prevailing impression, and we have prepared to meet all such requirements of Men in things to wear. They are here in profusion, thousands of useful and good looking articles.

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what man ever had enough, hosts of them, 35 and 50 cents up.

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If warmth is what you want our COAL will give it to you.

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A Happy New Year

To one and all! At the same time we wish to thank you for past favors and hope you will continue to favor us with your patronage. Best wishes from

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR,

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It is the BEST ever ground; guaranteed.

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IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT

As to what to purchase for a Christmas Gift, we would respectfully invite you to call on us that we may show you our line of goods, which you will find to consist of a host of valuable and useful articles.....

Brass Fenders in several designs, $5, $6, $7.50 and $8.75

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Bathing Coats—Vest, Leggins in Canvas and Leather

A large assortment Pocket Knives in Pearl and Horn Handles, blades of very best quality of steel

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300 Kegs Mullets.

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T. D. LOVE, Agent.

South Atlantic Transit Co.

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50 Bbls Stick Candy.
200 Cases Salmons.
100 Boxes Octagon Soap.
300 Bags Green Coffee.
100 Boxes Borax Soap.
100 Boxes Ark Soap.
100 Cases Sardines.
100 Bbls Mullets.
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25 Bbls Mott's Vinegar.
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LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE.

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*† 7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.10 P. M.	4.45 P. M.
*† 6.10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10.30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.

†Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Small freight shipments will be carried on all passenger cars except 3 P. M. trips. Special arrangements for transportation of large shipments or bulky freight can be made by applying at the office. dec 15 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 15 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 56 p m	11 09 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 25 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 53 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 4 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 38 a m	9 18 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 05 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 25 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	11 01 p m
Ar Baltimore	2 12 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 48 a m
Ar Weldon	9 45 p m	11 15 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 05 a m	7 30 p m	9 05 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	2 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	3 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	3 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Florence	7 25 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 30 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	Ar 7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 35 p m	Ar 4 45 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	3 35 p m	Ar 12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.

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Seaboard

Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m, arrive Lumberton 5:39 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m, Maxton 6:45 p m, Hamlet 7:35 p m. arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 9:15 a m, Pembroke 9:35 a m, Maxton 4 05 a m, Hamlet 5:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:02 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:35 a m, Pembroke 1:20 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 35 a m	1 55 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 20 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	5 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	2 50 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 45 a m	8 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 05 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	8 00 a m	5 35 p m
Ar Norfolk		
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 05 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 36 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 25 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 13 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 2 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 22	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 22	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 23 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

The Clyde Steamship Co New York,

Wilmington, N. C., and Georgetown, S. C., Lines

From New York to Wilmington.

NAVAHOE.....Saturday, Dec. 26
CARIB.....Saturday Jan. 2

From Wilmington for New York.

CARIB.....Saturday, Dec. 26
NAVAHOE.....Saturday, Jan. 2

From Wilmington for Georgetown.

CARIB.....Tuesday, Dec. 22
NAVAHOE.....Tuesday, Dec. 29

Both Steamers have good Passenger accommodation.

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To Excursionists.

The first thing you should do on your arrival in Wilmington is to have a clean, easy shave, or a stylish hair-cut, or a cool and refreshing shampoo. Possibly, you may need all of these comforts.

"The Favorite" Barber shop is the place.

GUION & DAVIS,

au 16 tf No. 7 South Front Street.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 31.

SPECULATION IN COTTON.

New York Market Nervous and Excited. Wide Fluctuations—Closed Weak at Decline in Prices.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Speculation in cotton was resumed on an exceedingly active scale to-day and trade sentiment seemed no less nervous and unsettled than on yesterday. From the very clang of the gong fluctuations were widely erratic. Cables were perhaps a shade better than looked for just before the local opening, but afterwards weakened and the outlook was for heavy receipts.

First prices were seven points higher to eight points lower and following the call ruled very erratic, May, for instance, opened at 13.75; a net loss of five points, sold up to 13.80 on the call, then broke to 13.60, recovered slightly, but within the first half hour sold back to 13.56, a net loss of twenty-four points, while the other months showed equally wide changes with the general tendency downward as a result of heavy liquidation and rumors that the bulls were unloading.

At the lowest level of the morning March sold at 13.39, May at 13.40 and July at 13.44, this being a net loss of thirty-five to forty points and a decline of about $4.35 a bale from the best prices of yesterday. Just about mid-day the bulls quickly renewed their tactics and began bidding aggressively while the room crowd that had been helping to sell the market down turned to cover and a perfect torrent of buying order came in, with prices rallying to about the best point of the morning or just about even with last night's close. This was succeeded by another down-turn of several points and the early afternoon showed losses of nine and eleven points on the active months.

During the late trading fluctuations were less violent, but the market showed a distinct downward tendency under liquidation that accompanied unsettling rumors regarding the Far Eastern situation. The market closed weak at a net decline of thirty-three and forty-nine points. Sales were estimated at 1,500,000 bales.

THE SEABOARD AIR LINE.

President J. Skelton Williams Resigns. Vice President Barr Elected President and General Manager.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—At the meeting of the directors of the Seaboard Air Line to-day, J. Skelton Williams resigned the office of president of the company and Vice President Barr was elected president and general manager. Mr. Williams was elected chairman of the board of directors.

Mr. Williams expressed a desire to be relieved of the active management in order to give more of his time to his bank interest and personal affairs. It was, therefore, decided to amend the by-laws and to establish the office of chairman of the board, to which he was elected.

J. M. Middendorf was nominated but declined re-election as second vice president, and the office was therefore not filled.

The following members of the board were elected to be members of the executive committee: T. F. Ryan, T. J. Coolridge, Jr., T. J. Blair, J. S. Williams, J. B. Dennis, B. F. Yoakum and S. D. Warfield.

Other officers were elected as follows: N. S. Meldrim, vice president and treasurer; D. C. Porteous, secretary, and T. W. Roby, comptroller.

Mr. Barr's succession to the presidency was expected some months ago in spite of repeated denials from official quarters. His selection was urged by the interests which more recently became dominant in the Seaboard system.

THE ARCHITECT.

Designer of Iroquois Theatre Says It Was an Inflammable Structure.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 30.—Benjamin H. Marshall, the young Chicago architect who designed the Iroquois theatre, left for his home to-night. He was overwhelmed by the news of the disaster.

"I'll never allow another theatre to be built with a stick of wood in it," he declared, reading bulletins which were handed him.

"The Iroquois was built along the very latest lines and was provided with twenty-seven double fire exits, but wood was used and stairways were employed. A fireproof building will not be erected as long as wood is used. In a theatre there are so many articles of inflammable material that when a blaze gets a headway it spreads in the most alarming manner."

THE FAR EAST.

Situation Gives Great Concern—Japan Preparing for the Worst.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—The Japanese minister called at the State Department to-day and reported that the situation in the Far East is one that gives great concern and that Japan is making preparations for the worst. It is hoped, however, that Russia will reconsider her first answer to Japan's request.

Special sale for the next ten days, beginning December 29th to January 10th, 20 per cent. discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent. discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Cut Glass. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bisinger, The China Man, 119 Market street.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema nd Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S dru[illegible]re.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

HORRIBLE THEATRE FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Broke Out on the Stage During Matinee Performance, Causing Fearful Panic.

OVER SEVEN HUNDRED DEAD.

A Few Burned, Many Suffocated by Gas and Scores Trampled to Death. Bodies Piled Twelve Feet Deep. Horrible Scenes.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—About five hundred and fifty people were killed in ten minutes this afternoon during a fire in the Iroquois theatre, the newest, the largest and, as far as human power could make it, the safest theatre in Chicago. Estimates of the dead and injured vary. The police account of the dead is 536. The estimate of the newspapers is 562. Besides this there are fifty-five people missing at midnight, the majority of whom are probably among the dead in the morgues and the various undertaking establishments. Eighty-six of the dead have been positively identified and ninety-two others are known to be injured.

A few of these people met death by fire, many were suffocated by gas, and scores were trampled to death in the panic that followed the mad plunge of the frightened audience for the exits. It will be many hours before the exact number of dead is known, and many days before all of them are identified. There are bodies lying by the dozen to-night in the undertaking rooms, in the police stations and in the hospitals, from which nearly everything that could reveal their identity to those who knew them best is gone. Their clothing is torn to rags or burned to cinders and their faces have been crushed into an unrecognizable pulp by the heels of the crowd that trampled them down as they fled for safety.

The fire broke out during the second act of the play, "Mr. Bluebeard," which was the first drama presented in the theatre since its erection. The company, which was very large, escaped to the street in safety, nearly all of them, however, being compelled to flee into the snowy streets with no clothing but their stage costumes. A few members of the company sustained minor injuries, but none was seriously hurt.

Accounts of the origin of the fire are conflicting and none of them certain, but the best reason given is that an electric wire near the lower part of a piece of drop scenery suddenly broke and was grounded. The fire spread rapidly toward the front of the stage, causing the members of the chorus who were then engaged in the performance to flee to the wings with screams of terror. The fire in itself up to this time was not serious and possibly could have been checked had not the asbestos curtain failed to work. As soon as the fire was discovered Eddie Foy, the chief comedian of the company, shouted to lower the curtain, and this was immediately done. It descended about half-way and then stuck. The fire thus was given practically a flue through which a strong draft was setting, aided by the doors which had been thrown open in the front of the theatre. With a roar and a bound the flames shot through the opening over the heads of the people on the first floor and reaching clear up to those in the first balcony, caught them and burned them to death where they were.

As soon as the flames first appeared beyond the curtain a man in the rear of the hall shouted "Fire, fire," and the entire audience rose as one person and made for the doors. It is believed that the explosion was caused by the flames coming in contact with the gas reservoirs of the theatre, causing them to burst. W. J. Davis, manager of the theatre, said after the catastrophe that if the people had remained in their seats and had not been excited by the cry of fire, not a single life would have been lost. This is, however, contradicted by the statements of the firemen, who found numbers of people sitting in their seats, their faces directed toward the stage as if the performance was still going on. It was the opinion of the firemen that these people had been suffocated at once by the flow of gas which came from behind the asbestos curtain.

As near as can be estimated at the present time about 1,800 people were in the theatre. Three hundred of these were on the first floor, the balance being in the two upper balconies and in the hallways back of them.

The theatre is modelled after the Opera Comique in Paris and from the rear of each balcony there are three doors leading out to passage-ways toward the front of the theatre. Two of these doorways are at the end of the balcony and one in the center. The audience in its rush for the outer air seems to have, for the greater part, chosen to flee to the left entrance and to attempt to make its way down the eastern stairway leading into the lobby of the theatre. Outside of the people burned and suffocated by gas it was in these two doorways on the first and second balconies that the greatest loss of life occurred. When the firemen entered the building the dead were found stretched in a pile at the head of the stairway at least eight feet from the door back to a point about five feet in the rear of the door. This mass of dead bodies in the center of the doorway reached to within two feet of the passage way. All of the corpses at this point were women and children. The fight for life which must have taken place at these two points is something that is simply beyond human power adequately to describe. Only a faint idea of its horror could be derived from the aspect of the bodies as they lay. Women on top of these masses of dead had been overtaken by death as they were crawling on their hands and knees over the bodies of those who had died before. Others lay with arms stretched out in the direction toward which lay life and safety, holding in their hands fragments of garments not their own. These were evidently torn from the clothing of others which they had endeavored to hold down and trample under foot as they fought for their own lives.

As the police and firemen removed layer after layer in these doorways the sight became too much even for them, hardened as they are to such scenes, to endure. The bodies were in such an inextricable mass, and so tightly were they jammed between the sides of the door and the walls that it was impossible to lift them one by one and carry them out. The only possible thing to do was to seize a limb or some other portion of the body and pull with main strength. Men worked at the task with tears running down their cheeks and the sobs of the rescuers could be heard even in the hall below where this awful scene was being enacted. A number of the men were compelled to abandon their task and give it over to others whose nerves had not as yet been shaken by the awful experience.

As one by one the bodies were dragged out of the water-soaked, blackened [illegible] of corpses, the spectacle became more and more heartrending. There were women whose clothing was torn completely from their bodies above the waist, whose breasts had been trampled into a pulp and whose faces were marred beyond all power of identification.

Rolling lay in the first and second balconies in great numbers. In some places they were piled up in the aisles three and four feet deep, where one had fallen and others had tripped over the prostrate forms, and all had died where they lay, evidently suffocated by the gas. Others were took over under of seats where they had been thrown by the rush by people for the doors and killed with hardly a chance to rise from their seats. One man was found with his back bent nearly double, his spinal column having been fractured as he was thrown backward. A woman was found not nearly in half by the back of the seat, she having been forced over it face downward.

In the aisles next to the doors the scenes were harrowing in the extreme. Bodies lay in every conceivable attitude half-naked, the look on their faces revealing some portion of the agony which must have preceded their death. There were women and scores of people whose entire faces had been trampled completely off by the heels of those who rushed over them, and in one aisle the body of a man was found with not a vestige of clothing, flesh or bone remaining above his waist line. The entire upper portion of his body had been cut into minute shreds and carried away by the feet of those who trampled him, a search was carefully made with a view of finding his head, but at a late hour to-night it had not been discovered.

The theatre had been constructed but a short time and all its appointments were not yet in place. This was unfortunately the case with a fire escape in the rear of the building. The small iron balconies to which the iron ladder was to be attached were up, but the ladder had not yet been constructed. When the panic was on, in the hope a number of women ran for the fire-escape only to find as the emerged from the doorway upon the little iron platform that they were thirty or fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front. Those who reached the platform first endeavored to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless and in a few moments the iron ledges were jammed with crowds of women who screamed, fought and tore at each other like maniacs. This lasted but a brief interval, and the rush from the interior of the building became so violent that many of them were crowded off and fell to the ground pavement below. Others leaped from the platform, fracturing legs and arms, and two were picked up at this point with fractured skulls, having been killed instantly.

George Thillott, secretary of the Consolidated Gas Company, was in a building directly opposite the theatre across the alley, and noticing smoke he went down to ascertain its cause. When he reached the street the women were already dropping into the alley, and he immediately rushed for a ladder in the effort to save as many as possible. No ladder was available, and the only method of assistance they were able to devise was to hurriedly lash some planks together and throw them across to the affrighted women on the platform with instructions to place them firmly on the iron frame work. Before this could be done, a fearful line of time caused, the women were being pushed over every instant in the alley, and by the time the bridge was constructed but few remained to take advantage of it. However, about two dozen in all believed made their way across this narrow causeway.

Eddie Foy, principal comedian in the play, was one of the last to escape, by getting out through a rear door after assisting the women members of the company to safety. In describing the commencement of the fire Foy attributed the cause of the catastrophe to the failure of the fire proof curtain to work properly. Because of this, he said, the flames readily obtained access to the main part of the theatre and were by the draft, carrying with it gas as well as fire, swept up to the two balconies where the loss of life was greatest.

"The fire began in the middle of the second act," said Mr. Foy. "An electric wire broke, was grounded, and from this the flames were started in the rear of the stage. The stage is unusually wide and there was so great a draft the flames spread rapidly. They soon had attracted all the scenery in the rear of the house. I never believed it possible for fire to spread so rapidly. When it first started I went to the footlights, and to prevent alarming the audience, said that there was a slight blaze, and that it would be better for all to leave quietly. Then I stepped back and called for the asbestos curtain to be lowered. This, when about half-way down, refused to go further, and then an additional draft was created. This swept the flames out into the auditorium and I knew the theatre was doomed. I hurried back to the stage and aided in getting the women members of the company into the alley. Some of them were in their dressing rooms and were almost overcome by smoke before they could get down to the stage and to the door. The simple fact that the curtain did not descend entirely was what saved the lives of the company, although it caused such a horrible catastrophe in front of the house. After the curtain had refused to descend, then came the application of the gas jets and with the curtain down all the fire and gas would have been confined between the rear wall of the theatre and the fireproof curtain in front. Under these circumstances it would not have been possible for a single member of the company to escape alive unless he or she had been standing immediately in front of the door leading into the alley. As it was the draft carried all the gas and fire out beneath the curtain and the company was saved, although their salvation was the death of so many poor people in front.

The building was so full of smoke when the firemen first arrived that the full extent of the catastrophe was not immediately grasped until a fireman and a newspaper man crawled up the stairway leading to the balcony, holding handkerchiefs over their mouth to avoid suffocation. As they reached the doorway the fireman, whose vision was being trained in such emergencies, seized his companion by the arm, exclaiming: "Good God, man, don't walk on their faces." The two men tried vainly to get through the door which was jammed with dead women piled higher than either of their heads.

All the lights in the theatre were necessarily out and the only illumination came through the cloud of smoke that hung between the interior of the theatre and the street. The two immediately hurried in the door below and informed the chief of the fire department that the dead bodies were piled high in the balcony and prompt assistance must be rendered if any of them were to be saved.

The chief at once called upon all of his men in the vicinity to abandon work on the fire and become at once to the rescue. The burning was so dark and the smoke so thick that it was found impossible to accomplish anything until lights had been secured. Word was at once sent to the Orr and Lockett Hardware Company, two doors east of the theatre, and that firm at once placed its entire stock of lanterns at the service of the department. Over two hundred lights were quickly carried into the building and the work of rescue commenced. So rapidly were the bodies brought down that for over an hour there were two streams of men passing in and out of the doorway, the one carrying the bodies and the other composed of men returning to get more.

Although every available policeman within call of the department was immediately hurried to the spot and the men placed in lines at the end of the block, allowing nobody to enter Randolph street from either Dearborn or State, it was found for a time almost impossible to hold back the frenzied crowd that pressed forward to carry away the dead, and in a short time there was a line of corpses fifty feet long piled two and three high on the sidewalk in front of the theatre. It was found necessary in order to convey the bodies rapidly to the Morgue, and to the various undertaking establishments, to impress trucks into service and in these, upon costly blankets, furnished by the dry goods stores in the vicinity, and covered with the same material, the dead were hauled away practically like so much cord wood. The merchants in the vicinity of the theatre sent wagon load after wagon load of blankets, rolls of linen and packages of cotton to be used in binding up the wounds of the injured and to cover the dead. The dry goods stores furnished their stock to anybody that asked for it in the name of people hurt in the fire. Doctors and trained nurses were on the ground by the score within half an hour after the extent of the calamity was known and every wounded person who was carried from the building received prompt medical aid.

A number of doctors waited at the entrance to the theatre with [illegible] in hand, and [illegible] ambulances and physicians in the immediate neighborhood.

While the police and firemen were carrying out the dead and injured, Will J. Davis, one of the proprietors of the theatre, was indefatigable in his efforts to alleviate all suffering and to assist in caring for the dead. He said:

"There was no need, so far as I know, of a single life being lost. There were over forty exits to the theatre. The building is fireproof and if some body had not screamed "Fire," I think that as far as those killed in the panic are concerned, all could have reached the street in safety. And of those who were suffocated by the gas, nearly all would have been out by the time the explosion occurred if order had been preserved in making their exits. As far as we have learned, everybody on the first floor except three escaped, although some sustained bruises and other minor injuries. The great loss of life was in the first and second balconies."

It was declared to-night by the management of the theatre that the fire was not caused by the grounding of an electric wire or to any defect in the equipment of the theatre. It starts, they claim, by the bursting of a calcium light apparatus. The concussion was so great that it blew out the skylights over the stage and auditorium. The statement of the theatre management is contradicted by many who were in the theatre and who declared that before the explosion occurred they saw flames in the narrow shaft crossing along the fall near the upper part of the drop curtain.

William Zellers, the house fireman, who was severely burned in trying to lower the asbestos curtain, describes the scene upon the stage and the cause of the fire as follows:

"I was standing in the wings when I heard the explosion, and then immediately afterward a cry of fire from the stage and all over the theatre. Looking up I saw that the curtain was ablaze, and at once I ran for the fire curtain. We got it half-way down when the wind rushing in from the broken skylight bellied it out so that it caught and we could not budge it. With the stage hands I climbed to where it was suspended, and together we tried to push it down. Our efforts were futile, and using that no human power could move that curtain and that the stage was a mass of flames, I turned my attention to warning the actors.

"Eddie Foy hurried to the front of the stage and commanded the people to remain calm, saying that if they would keep their seats the danger would be averted. The curtain, however, still burned, pieces of the smouldering cloth falling into the orchestra pit. An effort was made by the stage hands to arrange the curtain so that the blazing fragments would not drop into the pit. I looked over the faces of the audience and remarked how many children were present. I could see their faces filled with interest and their eyes wide open, as they watched the burning curtain. Just then the people in the balcony rose to their feet and crowded forward to obtain a better view of the fire. Eddie Foy rushed to the center of the stage again and waved his arms in a gesture, meaning for the people to be seated. At that instant a woman in the rear of the place screamed "Fire!" and the entire audience of women and children rose to their feet, filled with uncontrollable terror. In another instant there was a confused roar made by a thousand people as they rushed madly from the impending danger."

While scores of men were busy carrying out the dead and injured, others, fortunately few in number, searched the aisles and seats for valuables. Two men were found who had provided themselves with baskets and were filling them with the property of the dead. They were immediately placed under arrest and the theatre ushers and stage hands were given the work of collecting all the valuables on the floor of the theatre. During the evening the police arrested over a dozen men accused of being thieves and pick-pockets.

The count of the dead was practically complete at midnight, but it is not as yet accurate and the exact number will not be known before some time to-morrow. Allowing for discrepancies the lists made by the police and the newspapers practically agree. The newspapers claim that the dead number 560; the police 531; Coroner Traeger made as complete an inspection of the theatre as is possible in the condition in which it is to-night. He said:

"If the asbestos curtain had been in working order I believe that the fire might have been prevented from spreading into the audience chamber. The plush on the seats of the first balcony was charred but still visible. This does not look to me as though everybody could have gotten out of the theatre alive when you take into account the speed with which the flames spread. The path of the flames was evident. The stage and the ceiling of the theatre was blistered and blackened. There was practically no damage to the furniture on the first floor of the house. The boxes on the second tier were entirely destroyed by fire, while those on the first floor were burned only in spots, evidently by burning fragments from above."

The Iroquois was completed less than two months ago at a cost of half a million dollars, and was the finest play house in Chicago. It was opened to the public on the night of November 23rd, with "Mr. Bluebeard."

The records of the city building department show that the theatre was complete in every detail and that it was absolutely fireproof, all requirements of the law having been complied with.

John E. Farrell, the stage electrician, was one of the heroes of the fire. He was the first to discover the blaze when it was a little tongue of flame running up the canvas border of the curtain. He climbed a ladder twenty-two feet above the stage and sought to extinguish it with his hand. He beat helplessly until his hands were badly burned and the fire had run up the canvas border into the flies. Seizing a hand grenade he dashed it at the fire, and the falling fluid nearly blinded him. With the cry of "save yourselves," he fell to the floor and then running to the rear door of the theatre he threw it open, calling to the members of the company to rush into the alley.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—At 9:30 P. M., it was declared by the police that 637 bodies have been taken from the ruins.

CHICAGO LIVERYMEN

Striking Carriage Drivers Refuse to Aid the Theatre Sufferers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Frederick W. Job, secretary of the Chicago Employers' Association, telephoned to W. D. Mooney, a stable proprietor, asking that carriages be sent for the relief of the sufferers.

Mr. Mooney replied that he would give his [illegible]ages for the work. He [illegible]. Job that he went to the [illegible]naires, where the drivers [illegible] on strike were congregated if they would drive a theatre to help remove [illegible]. Mr. Mooney reported to Mr. Job that they flatly refused to do so.

WARM WIRELETS

Dennis Leahy, for several years a player in the Virginia League and at one time a member of the Cincinnati team, was shot and killed at Knoxville by Frank Regan. Regan was arrested.

Jas. A. Henderson, a prominent tobacco dealer and exporter of Danville, Va., has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are scheduled at $104,000, while the assets are about $88,000.

At the request of the Governor of North Carolina, Brigadier General Carle A. Woodruff, U. S. A., retired, had been ordered to report to the Governor at Raleigh for duty with the organized militia of the State of North Carolina for a period of four years unless sooner relieved.

Special Rates via Seaboard Air Line.

Charlotte, N. C., Annual Meeting Sunday School. Tickets on sale Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th, final limit Dec. 31st. Fare for round trip from Wilmington, N. C., $7.75.

Atlanta, Ga. Department of Supt's. National Education Association. Tickets on sale February 21st and 22nd, final limit Feb. 27th. Fare for round trip from Wilmington $13.00.

Special sale for the next ten days, beginning December 29th to January 10th, 20 per cent. discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent. discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Cut Glass. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bisinger, The China Man, 119 Market street.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

NOTICES FOR RENT or sale, LOST or FOUND, WANTS, and other short miscellaneous ADVERTISEMENTS inserted in this Department, in suitable Reading Notice type, at [illegible] cents per line for each insertion; not less than 25 cents per insertion. Special contract rates for less than 30 cents.

Wanted at Virginia House—Steady, sober gentlemen boarders. No others need apply. 115 Market street, over Taylor's Bazaar. dec 29 1m

Wanted—6000 standard pine ties, also cypress ties, two sides hewn. For particulars write R. F. Keith Co. tu th su dec 23 6t

Mechanics' Home Association—New series opens on Friday, January 2nd, 1904. I will receive dues and interest every day in the week, except Friday, in my office. W. H. Cumming, Secretary. P. S.—Our association closes two series every year, one in January and one in July. dec 30 6t

Wanted—A position by young man as book-keeper or stenographer. Good references. Address C. C., CARE STAR. dec 29 6t

Yuan's Cigar Store—Cigars by the box at wholesale prices, packed 25 and 50 to box, especially for the holidays. Nice line of pipes, cigar cases, holders, jars, etc. Lot of new brands just received. See them before buying. dec 29 tf

Wood for sale, car load lots. All kinds of wood. For further information apply to R. C. Applewhite, Creedy, N. C. dec 23 1m

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. R. Farrar, No. 9 South Front street. dec 20 tf

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Pisano & Co. to Mary J. Pisano, one of the members, and my creditors with notes from will no longer call. This December 24, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 25 1m

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three breed sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two fall boars, two 7 months old boars, one 4 year old boar pigs, two boars 12 months old. Examine in co. 3 to 4 miles on Castle Hayne road. Address in co. R. No. 1, Castle Hayne, N. C. dec 6 tf

The Only Restaurant, 112 Market street, is the only "first" restaurant in the city. First class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 15 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 107 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand pounds wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbages, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Rutabagas and all kinds of produce at A. 2. Wright's to-day, 112 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 3 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all clean, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 15 tf

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping paper, for sale at reduced prices, in quantities. Apply at the office of THE MORNING STAR. dec 22 tf

OLD NEWSPAPERS.

You Can Buy Old Newspapers in Quantities to Suit at the STAR OFFICE Suitable for Wrapping Paper and Excellent for Placing Under Carpet

FIRE AT TROY, N. Y.

Three Men Lost Their Lives and One Man Seriously Injured — Property Loss $55,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Moses T. Clough, the Nestor of the Rensselaer county bar and the last survivor of the class of 1824 of Dartmouth College; William Shaw, head of the law firm of Shaw, Bailey & Murphy, and Benjamin W. Kinney, manager for the Fuller-Warren Company, of Boston, Mass., lost their lives in a fire which partially destroyed the Troy Club at an early hour to-day. Although the doomed men were seen at the windows, nothing could be done to save them, so dense was the smoke and so rapid the progress of the flames.

Edward Carpenter, of New York, was taken from an upper window by firemen and removed to a hospital, where he is recovering from the effects of smoke inhaled. He was in town preparing for his marriage with a young society woman of the city. All the persons killed were occupying rooms on the upper floor, where the fire broke out.

The fire is thought to have been caused by a lighted cigarette being thrown among some combustible material. The loss will reach $55,000.

Christmas : Footwear For Everybody.

Presents.

In order to save your tickets and get one with us, Blackmarkets or 4 other good books, besides other art class of values actually given away.

Our lines of General Footwear

Are better selected than ever before and we confidently assert that we are giving more value for the money than we ever did at any time in the past.

Our Cash on Approval System

Still grows in favor, because it saves the purchaser a lot of money. Those who have tried it will try no more. We invite everybody to try it and be convinced.

We would gladly enumerate some of the many other good things awaiting you here, but we have not the space to spare, nor time to [illegible]. We only ask you to come and see us. If any purchase is not satisfactory, kindly give us a chance to make it right with you. Largest stock we ever had of

Douglas Shoes for Men and Boys

also of Edgewater-Stimson Co.'s for Ladies. Buttonholer's still going at and below cost.

MERCER & EVANS CO.,

dec 30 tf 125 Princess street.

FORTY TUBS FANCY

Renovated Butter.

Twenty-two Cents per Pound.

Ready for delivery this (Thursday) morning.

THE F. E. HASHAGEN CO.

dec 30 tf

Salt, Salt,

1,000 Bags Salt.

Immediate Shipment.

W. B. COOPER,

dec 30 tf Wilmington, N. C.

AT THE UNLUCKY CORNER.

The fullest and nicest line of SALTED FISH ever thrown in the city. Mackerel from Spain to 35 cents each and oh! those 25 cents are high priced but so good, try one. Pickled Salmon, Nissier Herring, Rollets and Rollet Roe, Kippered Herring, Scotch Trout Sardines, 4 to 45 cents a box, Deviled Sardines, Sm.-leaf Sardines, Sardines in Oil, Anchovy Paste Shrimps, Clams.

S. W. SANDERS.

Both Phones 109. dec 27 tf

Southern Almanac

For Virginia and North Carolina. Price by mail 7 cents.

Circulation - - - 80,000.

Weather proof citizens without a rival.

Special prices on application.

1904.....NEW.....1904.

Virginia State Gazetteer will be published Fall 1904—Price $5.00.

For further information address HILL DIRECTORY COMPANY, dec 23 tf Richmond, Va.

What is the nicest present to make a gentleman Xmas? Go to **HANNE, THE HATTER,** he will tell you.

Latest Styles and Lowest Prices. dec 30 tf 24 Front Street.

BUTTER,

APPLES, ORANGES, CANDY, COCOANUTS, RAISINS,

HALL & PEARSALL, dec 29 tf INCORPORATED.

We Try to Make All Hearts Happy on CHRISTMAS DAY.

First comes the little ones who wish Old Santa Claus has given us a good Toys to keep for him and we have them nicely displayed where you can easily make your selection of whatever you want the folks are cordially invited to come down and leave the Santa with us and we will have them filled to the best of our a sortment of Dolls is by far larger and better than we have before. We have a handsome line of hand-made Dolls that are Ladies who wish Dolls that are up-to-date, with real hair, cost from us from $1 to $6 each.

In our men's clothing department we are making special efforts to sell clothing. Our stock was never better nor more complete. We have suits for everybody; suits that fit, and suits that wear. We sell Silverman's clothes that are equal to tailor-made suits, and the prices are right. We have them from $5 up $25. They have every point of excellence that tailor-made suits have—quality, lining, fit and style; the only difference is in the price, and that is in your favor. Why not save money? "A dollar saved is a dollar made." We have as good clothing as other merchants and sell it cheaper, mainly from the fact that we do not have to depend merely on the clothing business; but it only represents one line among many others. We have good stability all wool suits that we sell for $5, and good ones even cheaper if you desire them. A serviceable, well made suit as low as $2.98, $3.50 and $4.98. And overcoats, too; our sales have been wonderful. We have just received two large shipments of new coats; we can fit you up in a good coat for $5, and a splendid Oxford grey, all wool coat, full length and serviceable, at $6.98. Well, our $8 and $10 coats are beauties. We are making a special run on the boys' suits; we are selling $4 suits that are beautiful patterns, strongly all wool, for boys from 7 to 18 years old, for $2.98. A big line of boys' all wool pants, every seam taped and patent waist bands, as low as 50c a pair; something real nice in boys' pants at 75c, and something extra nice at 98.

Gents' Fancy Vests.

For the holiday season, buy a fancy vest. We have them in white and colors, $1.50 to $3.50 each.

Rain Proof Coats.

For heavy weather we have a rain proof, water tight coat that we are selling for $1.50 each. We have an elegant rubber coat made for cold weather that we are selling for $2.50 each. In our clothing department we carry a full stock of gents' furnishing goods, handkief and unbrellas shirts, white, grey and red flannel underwear. A full line of cotton fleeced underwear for 45c, and 50c. A full line of men's hosiery, fancy hose at 10c. a pair; 25c. imported hose at 12½c. a pair. Collars and a full line of gents' ties. We feel that our clothing department is equal to any of its kind in the city, where you can get anything you may want in that line.

Men's Hats.

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1.25 hat for 75c; a $1.50 hat for $1; a $2 hat for $1.25. These hats are all new and up-to-date and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

Our Millinery Department.

In this department you will find that we have line of new ribbon for the Christmas trade. No. 3, in fancy colors, in the best quality of satin at 3c a yard, 3c a roll; we have a full line of No. 2 ribbon at 2½c a yard or 25c a roll; No. 5 ribbon at 4½c a roll; No. 22 we sell at 10c a yard; No. 40 and 60 we sell at 15c a yard; No. 60 at 20c a yard; we have all kinds of ribbon for Christmas trade and we would be glad if you would give our stock a trial. In ladies' hats we have just received a nice line of silk and velvet hats; also a splendid assortment in scratch felt hats of the very latest shapes. We are selling silk hats at 75c each, the same that we sold for $1.25 and our fine velvet hats that are $2.25 values are $1.50.

Ladies' Cloaks.

In ladies' cloaks we have a big variety to show. New goods received almost every day by express. We keep them coming our way for their wraps and what? Because we sell them right. Ten pounds candy with every cash purchase except for tags and give premiums. Get your coal question before Christmas as we can give you either a nice globe lamp, a nice oak table, a case-seated rocking chair or a set of fine china, gold lined, cups, saucers and plates, or a beautiful glass water set. These premiums we give with a twenty-five dollar cash. If you have no card, ask for one. Our premiums are in thousands of homes in Wilmington and surrounding country and we would like to add you to the list at The Big Racket Store, 208 and 210 North Front street, Wilmington, N. C.

Geo. O. Gaylord,

PROPRIETOR.

dec 15 tf 208 and 210 North Front Street.

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Sole Agent for the Celebrated Adler Gloves, every pair guaranteed.

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Our line of Suits and Overcoats consists of the Strouse Bros. High Art Clothing, and B. Kuppenheimer & Co.'s guaranteed Clothing. For style, fit and finish they are unsurpassed.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.,

Masonic Temple Building,

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.

dec 19 tf

Do You Need a Tuxedo Suit for the Holidays?

If so, let us have your order at once.

We have many things to offer our friends and patrons, which would not only make handsome but useful Xmas Presents.

We are showing a small line of Neckwear.

Have you seen our Dress Suit Protectors, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

Umbrellas and Canes.

M. H. Curran.

Merchant Tailor and Men's Furnisher, next door to Orton Hotel. dec 16 tf

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.,

No. 9 North Front Street.

From now till Christmas, it's only a few days, but each one of them worth any two days of merchandising.

All the great holiday stocks must be disposed of. The Books, the Dolls, the Toys, the Games, all the great host of fancy articles are to be sold. We carry nothing over.

Great crowds daily visit the store. Still greater crowds will follow. There's reason for it, and there's reason in it. Every counter and shelf is laden with these reasons.

Make this store the base of your holiday supplies and see how satisfactorily you will be served.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

dec 5 tf

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF **The Murchison National Bank,** Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. Organized March 1st, 1903.

RESOURCES: [illegible] LIABILITIES: [illegible]

H. C. McQUEEN, President, J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.